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1. Unit, PersonalitiesLocation, Remarks5th Air Division524th Bomber Regiment508th Fighter Bomber Regiment Colonelj. Equipped with U-52  
CO: Colonel Kamalnov two-motored planes.53th Fighter Regiment

Colonelj.

Two transport squadrons

Colonelj. Equipped with E-50's.

Fighter squadrons

Temporarily at Novi Sad and Petrovaradin airfields on outskirts of Novi Sad.

One transport Regiment

HQ in Zemun. Believed to be directly under Yugoslav Air Force Hq.

4th Transport Squadron

Based at Zemun. Believed to be under Transport Regiment Hq., on detached service with Navy.

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[redacted] Comment: Hurricane fighters were formerly reported stationed at Zemun; but some of these have been dismantled and shipped to unknown destinations to be used for training.)

4th Air DivisionCO: Colonel Sava Poljanec  
Political Commissar:  
Lt. Col. Ljubljanc

HQ in Sombor

At Hq. is a Russian Air Force Mission of 4 officers and 4 EM to instruct and control 41st and 42nd Bomber Regiments. Officers give pilot and tactical training.

41st Bomber Regiment

CO: Major Canko

Canko is about 55, a strict officer with little sympathy for the Tito regime. Unit equipped with 45 two-motored PE-2's. Assigned to three squadrons plus 15 plane to the reserve command.

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<u>Unit, Personalities</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<u>41st Bomber Regiment</u> (Continued)	Political Commissar is a Serb major, formerly a civilian radio technician.
OZNA Unit	
Transport unit	Equipped with 50 planes, although T/V calls for 60.

Organization of Regiment: Three squadrons divided into three sections each. Crews are incomplete. Because of the lack of trained pilots and navigators, only three planes in a section can take to air at one time. T/O assigns each squadron 10 pilot officers, 12 CW radio operators, 15 mechanics, 8 gun personnel, 5 navigators and one radio technician.

Regimental Training: Schedule runs from 0800 to 1300. It includes theoretical and practical instruction, maintenance, solo and formation flying (maximum of three planes), and cultural-political classes taught by the political commissars.

Personnel: 1600 in 41st and 42nd Regiments. 1500 soldiers for guard and miscellaneous field duties. 300 civilian mechanics, belonging to an "Oblasna radionica", who are doing forced labor at the field. 4 meteorologists.

Communications: Collins apparatus with action radius of 61 km. radio telephone and 200 km. radio telegraph is used for ground-air communication. RB 3 BIS, a Russian set, is used for inter-plane communication. Only CO of a unit in flight may contact ground. Frequencies allotted are between 3500 and 4000 kc and are changed every month. Because of shortage of trained operators, transmissions are by radio telephone in clear text. There is a radio telegraph station to keep the field in contact with Zemun. No radar. Installation of D/F equipment is planned.

Equipment: (Other than that mentioned in unit comments): Only planes seen equipped with rocket launchers were some Stormoviks, which had four Katyusha launchers on each wing. There are some Caproni and Junkers planes in poor condition that are sometimes used for training. Russian meteorological equipment.

Field: About 5 kilometers from Danube and same distance from Sombor. Grass field, 4 x 3½ kilometers running northeast to southwest. North side bounded by Sombor-Apatin national highway. No clear limits between field and surrounding treeless flatland. No field illumination. No anti-aircraft defense.

Installations: Excellent concrete runway, 2000 x 30 meters. Two reinforced concrete hangars, total capacity 15 PE-2's. Concrete parking strip in front of hangars. Airfield headquarters.

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Installations (Cont'd): Meteorological unit. Radio station. Depots and classroom buildings. Workshops. Twenty "U"-shaped revetments in disrepair... not used. Subterranean munitions dump with a capacity three times that of RAF dumps at Vis (430 3'n x 18 10'E). ( ) Comment: Source was ( )

( ) able to compare but not give actual size.) Dump contains large number of Russian bombs... mostly 250 kg...and other explosives, also a great deal of aircraft machine-gun ammunition. Subterranean gasoline dump composed of two concrete cisterns. The gasoline is shipped from Russia and Rumania in railroad tank cars which bring it to the field.

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